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New Laundries at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, Brands Hatch equipped by Girbau UK

London, 10 March 2008 – Battersea Dogs & Cats Home's newly rebuilt country kennels and cattery at Brands Hatch in Kent has been kitted out with three new washing machines and three new driers supplied by Girbau UK, the UK division of Girbau, the world-leading manufacturer of commercial and industrial laundry equipment.

The kennels laundry has two new washers and dryers, while the smaller cattery laundry has a single drier and one of Girbau's latest 8kg HS 6008 highly energy and water-efficient washers. Battersea's country home can house up to 60 dogs and 35 cats at any one time and the new laundry facilities are being used to wash blankets, towels, dog and cat beds and the occasional soft toy. The kennels are cleaned twice daily, when each dog and cat receives a fresh blanket.

"We need to ensure a steady supply of clean bedding for all the dogs and cats that come to stay with us. With room for nearly a 100, that means we need reliable washers and driers that we can use every day," says Richard King the centre's manager. "With our large paddocks, 12 acres of fields and a woodland walk nearby things can get a bit muddy!"

In addition to the laundry facilities the dogs' kennels have heated floors and specialised sound absorption technology. The state of the art cattery has heated shelves and large external runs.



About Battersea Dogs & Cats Home

Established in 1860, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home is a charity that aims never to turn away a dog or cat in need of our help. We reunite lost dogs and cats with their owners; when we can't do this, we care for them until new homes can be found for them; and we educate the public about responsible pet ownership. Every year the Home takes in around 11,000 dogs and cats. In addition to the site in South West London, the Home also has two other centres based at Old Windsor, Berkshire and Brands Hatch, Kent.

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